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Bob:

In arranging the briefing I requested from SOVA, you may tell the individuals participating that the SSCI will hold two or three hearings in late July to review the Intelligence Community's program for analyzing Soviet political, social, and economic developments into the 1990s. The Members of the Committee want this hearing so that they understand how the Intelligence Community (CIA included) will be approaching these issues and what kinds of collection assets will be necessary to support this program for analysis. My job is to prepare background material for the Members so that they will be familiar with the issue when the hearings are held.

During the session (I expect it to be short, probably under a half-hour or so, unless the participants want to go longer) I would like to cover topics such as the following:

- ° The current organization of PA, personnel that have been added during the past 18 months, and their backgrounds
- ° Future plans for expanding or modifying PA
- ° Background on current SOVA production on Soviet political, social, and economic domestic affairs (e.g., pp. 29-30 in the DDI Research Program, 1986 Midyear Revision) and Soviet relations with COMECON and Warsaw Pact allies; this would include
 - the data that is proving useful in these studies;
 - how and why these studies were included in the production plan, and who requested them;
 - the intended audience of the studies; and
 - a general overview of the main trends that are being observed.

You would probably want to get someone from the front office and an analyst to attend (you might ask from the sounds of PA's mission, he's probably in the group and has been around forever, so he would have perspective).

Bruce Berkowitz

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